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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA.

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1. REFTEL REPORTED TAT AN EL SALVADOR NEWSPAPER CARRIED WASHINGTON AP REPORT ON FRONT PAGE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT LATIN AMERICA BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16. THE STORY QUOTED "HIGH U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL" AS T;E SOURCE OF THE STORY. VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND COSTA RICA ARE MENTIONED AS STOPS ON T;E TRIP. STORY REPORTEDLY ADDS THAT SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN ;INISTERS IN SAN JOSE.

2. (FYI ONLY: THE SECRETARY IS PLANNING SUCH A TRIP BE-
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GINNING FE0RUARY 16, AND INCLUDING THE ABOVE MENTIONED

COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PERU. AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON, AND IN TE RELEVANT COUNTRIES, IS NOW PROGRAMMED FOR FEB.2 PENDING CONCURRENCE OF THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. END FYI)

3. IF QUERIED BY NEWS MEDIA ABOUT T;IS OR OTHER "TRIP" STORIES, POSTS SHOULD RESPOND AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE SECRETARY STILL HOPES TO VISIT LATIN AMERICA---AS HE HAS STATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. END QUOTE

4. FOR SAN SALVADOR: PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS APPLY. WE PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS TRIP TO SAN JOSE WITH GOES OR OTHER CENTRAL AMERICANS UNTIL AFTER ODUBER HAS ISSUED LUNCHEON INVITATIONS. EVEN THEN WE WANT TO LET ODUBER ASSUME COORDINATING FUNCTION. IF QUERIED BY GOES YOU MAY ACKNOWLEDGE AWARENESS THAT VISIT TO SAN JOSE HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION. YOU MIGHT WISH TO ADD THAT TO BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED, AND TO OFFER TO KEEP GOES INFORMED IF AND AS DETAILS ARE MADE KNOWN TO YOU.

5. GUIDANCE IN PARA 4 APPLIES IN CASE OF GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, AND HONDURAS. SISCO

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